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2017
Relay
For



"Get Your Heart
in the Game"

Graphic by DARRIAN BAGLEY

Facts & Figures

67% of Cancer Patients
Are Survivors



40%

of Men and Women
are Diagnosed with Cancer
In Their Lifetime

Average Age of Diagnosis



27% 75+
64% 45 - 74
9% Under 45



Cancer Free
= 5 Years
Into Remission

5,200 Communities
in 27 Countries
Participate in Relay for Life

Statistics from the National Cancer Institute
and the American Cancer Society

Harding will host the annual Relay for Life tonight beginning at 5 p.m. until Saturday at 5 a.m. This year's theme is "Get Your Heart in the Game," and 33 organizations will sell food and activities revolving around the theme. The event will include a survivor lap and is open to the community.

Harding community gathers to raise money and awareness for cancer

CARSON WHITE
student writer

Harding will be hosting the annual Relay for Life on the Front Lawn tonight beginning at 5 p.m. and ending 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Relay for Life is a fundraising community walk that gives awareness and support to the American Cancer Society (ACS) with the hope of one day finding a cure for cancer. Thirty-three organizations and social clubs will set up booths to fundraise for the ACS.

Students, faculty and community members spend 12 hours walking the Front Lawn to symbolize an ongoing battle against cancer for individuals and their families. The walking in the light represents the discovery of cancer, night represents the feeling of fear regarding the physical and mental effects of the disease, and dawn represents overcoming of cancer.

Lisa Bryant, assistant special education teacher, is the on-campus faculty advisor for Relay for Life. Bryant has participated in Relay since 2003 when she lost her mother to cancer, and she is a former event chair of the White County Relay. After her mother's death, she promised her children that they would do what they could to help.

"I promised them that we would do everything that we could so that no other little boys would lose their Mimi's," Bryant said. "And I promised them that they wouldn't have to grow up without a grandmother."

The theme for Relay this year is "Get Your Heart in the Game." For the theme, each organization's booth will sell an activity and food based on the theme.

"There is no reason you shouldn't come to this event," sophomore and Relay committee member Carson Gentry said. "There is a variety of activities and snacks, and everything you do supports research to save lives. It is a win."

Last year, Harding's Relay raised \$16,000, and thanks

to an increase in participation, the fundraising goal this year is \$18,000. According to Bryant, half of that has already been raised.

"I think (Relay) is important because it gives Harding students a chance to get involved in something by having fun with everyone while also helping a cause," junior participant Maria Cofer said. "I go because I know so many people that have been positively affected by Relay for Life; and by supporting Relay for Life, I support those people that I know and love."

Relay is open to students and the community. There will be a survivor lap after the opening ceremony for the survivors from campus or anyone who is a cancer survivor. They will receive a purple shirt and will walk the lap with their families.

"They don't have to go by themselves," Bryant said. "People don't fight cancer by themselves, it is a group effort."

Using stories from the past to change the future

Student survivors share about experiences with childhood cancer

SAVANNA DISTEFANO
editor-in-chief

Junior Samantha Allen was sitting in her third-grade classroom when she was called to the school's office. When she arrived in the office, her mother was there, prepared to take her to the hospital. The doctor had just called, and Allen's bloodwork had tested positive for cancer.

"I was 9; I didn't know what was going on," Allen said. "It was a very long day ... I knew (the doctor) was discussing something with my parents — it was very serious. But later that night I got brought to an in-patient room, and I didn't really know what was going on. That's when they told us the final diagnosis."

Allen was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

"I didn't know exactly what it was because I didn't really know what cancer was," Allen said. "I knew it was something bad, and then I had to spend like a whole week in the hospital for them to kind of analyze the situation and figure out the

treatment they needed to give me."

Allen underwent chemotherapy and radiation for approximately one year before entering remission. She had both in-patient and out-patient treatments and continued to attend school, though she said she felt uncomfortable.

"It was hard because I definitely became a lot more self-conscious about myself because I (was) a bald 9-year-old and the steroids I was on made my cheeks look really fat," Allen said. "It was just difficult going to school looking like I did and feeling weak ... basically you're in a really vulnerable state."

More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year, and there are approximately 375,000 adult survivors of childhood cancers in the U.S., according to CureSearch for Children's Cancer Research. Along with Allen, juniors Hannah Mosher and Cooper Mosely are two of the thousands who have survived childhood cancer.

Mosher found a lump on her neck while she was sitting in her ninth-grade history



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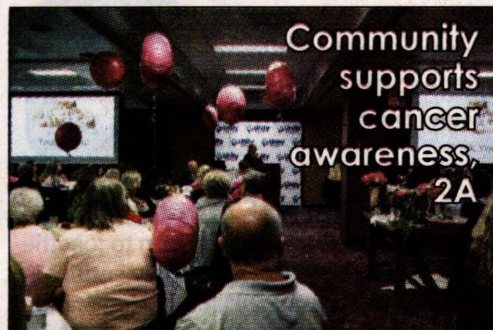
Junior Samantha Allen is a survivor of lymphoblastic leukemia. She was diagnosed when she was 9 and is now considered cancer free.

class. She later learned she had papillary thyroid cancer and underwent surgery to remove her thyroid and lymph nodes.

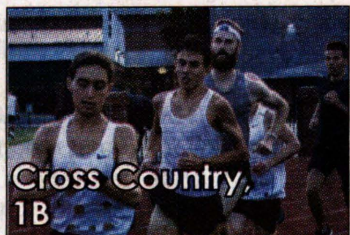
"It just kind of appeared one day, this

lump on my lymph node," Mosher said. "I was very scared, especially to go into surgery."

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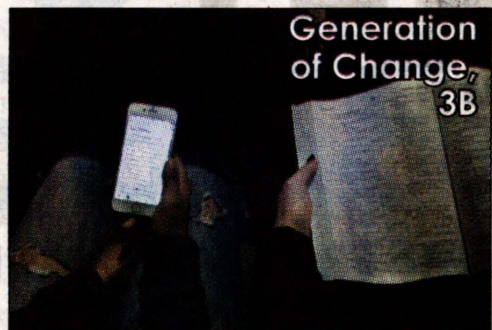
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Breast Cancer Luncheon features Harding faculty



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The 24th annual Barbara Montgomery Memorial Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon featured Kathy LaFerney, Harding professor and breast cancer survivor.

RAIANNE MASON
features editor

On Friday, Oct. 20, Unity Health hosted the 24th annual Barbara Montgomery Memorial Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, where cancer survivor Kathy LaFerney, a math teacher at Harding Academy, shared her story.

LaFerney was diagnosed with breast cancer in early November of 2015. She spoke of how she immediately felt overwhelmed by her diagnosis.

"(I thought) there is no way I'm going to be able to handle the physical or emotional aspects of this disease by myself," LaFerney said. "I immediately turned to God. I knew that I needed him, and I needed him to be with me. I needed him to surround me with people who would love me through whatever I was going through and to bless me with doctors and medical staff who could help me and who knew things about cancer that I did not."

According to the LaFerney, support from the community is an important aspect to defeating cancer.

"God placed awesome people around me (like) my family," LaFerney said. "I was also blessed to have coworkers and students, church members, neighbors and on and on and on. It was just a constant flood of blessings. A text from someone, a phone call, meals, notes, cards and just steadfast day to day encouragement from my husband, parents, children — that is what sustained me."

According to Unity Health Marketing Coordinator Hannah Robison, the annual luncheon seeks to provide a place where stories like LaFerney's can be used to uplift others in a similar situation.

"When a survivor shares their story of triumph, it provides encouragement for those who hear it and serves a beautiful reminder of hope and healing to those who need it most," Robison said.

Along with bringing together cancer survivors and doctors, the luncheon was held to promote breast cancer awareness.

According to the National Cancer Institute, the number of people living beyond a cancer prognosis reached 14.5 million in 2014 and is projected to rise to 19 million by 2024.

According to Unity Health oncologist Dr. Ryan Koch, the survival rate is increasing due to early detection and advances in medicine. Many of these new practices, which originated in MAYO clinics, are now available in Searcy.

After learning that Unity Health has a MAYO clinic consultant for cases such as hers, LaFerney decided to have her treatments here in Searcy.

"The difference to me was that I was not just a number. I was not just a diagnosis, I was a friend, a person," LaFerney said. "It was very real and personal. I knew that they cared about me and that helped me emotionally, not just physically."

Robison said Unity Health focuses on providing this emotional support through various programs and events throughout the year.

"Particularly for cancer patients, in collaboration with the Look Good Feel

Better Foundation, we provide patients with a course to learn beauty techniques to help them better manage side effects from cancer treatment," Robison said. "These classes cultivate friendships among patients undergoing similar circumstances in need of encouragement and support."

Throughout the Searcy community, organizations are working to raise awareness for cancers. 501 Rocks, an organization that paints rocks and places them around Searcy, has teamed up with Unity Health to spread rocks that say "move mountains" in reference to the theme of this year's luncheon.

Additional support has come from the Searcy Police Department who added pink cancer ribbons to their uniforms for the month of October. According to Searcy Public Information Officer Terri Lee, the idea came from Sergeant Steve Hernandez.

"He thought it would be a good way to show support as well as remind women to have regular breast exams," Lee said. "We want people to get regular checkups to ensure early detection for cancer of any kind."

Les Miserables comes to Robinson Center Music Hall

BAYLEE HEDDEN
student writer

The Robinson Center Music Hall in Little Rock will be holding showings of the play *Les Miserables* in Nov. 29 through Dec. 3.

Seen by more than 70 million people in 44 countries and in 22 different languages, "*Les Miserable*" is still considered the world's most popular musical. It still breaks box office records at 32 years.

Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, the play follows the life of Jean Valjean, a prisoner who breaks parole. The story is a reminder that people who commit crimes are not always bad people. They resort to

these measures because of the political, social, educational and economic systems in place.

Dr. Terry Engel, chair of the Harding English Department, thinks this is a great opportunity for Harding students because seeing a live performance is a powerful, emotional experience.

"While I'm a big fan of reading books, because the reader shares a role in interpreting the story, the stage creates a wonderful spectacle and has the power to see, feel, and emphasize with the characters in the moment," Engel said.

For junior English major Taylor Spinks, books and plays like *Les Miserables* are a great way to get exposed to classic literature.

"Classic literature teaches us a lot about our own history around the world and how it impacts us today," Spinks said. "I think people can find things in classic stories like this to connect with. It isn't for everyone, but I do think it's important to at least be exposed to see if it does interest you."

Along with the classical theater and literature, the story teaches many lessons as well. It captures Hugo's vision of human suffering, redemption, greed and lust for power. It also shows how society refuses to forgive when "criminals" have paid the penalty for their crimes.

Junior theater major Tyler Adams has performed in a rendition of the play and thinks that it has a beautiful story and

has taught him most importantly about forgiveness.

"The whole story I think of as forgiveness," Adams said. "I think that it is extremely important in that it is a story about forgiveness and redemption, in that these people have done some awful things and they've gone through a lot, but in the end, it comes to redemption for the main characters for what they have done."

The play will run at the Robinson Center Music Hall on Nov. 29 until Dec. 3. Students enrolled in theater appreciation courses have the opportunity to attend the Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 performances. Tickets are now available online with a price range of \$26 to \$87.

Harding faculty member leads breast cancer research

LEXI HOAGLAND
student writer

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Breast Cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and the second leading cause of death.

Dr. Landry Kamdem is the lead researcher for the breast cancer research program at Harding and is the only breast cancer researcher within White County. Kamdem grew an interest in oncology after losing his mother and sister at an early age. He started cancer research in 2006 and began breast cancer research in 2008. He later joined Harding's team of researchers in 2010 and began a precision medical survey for breast cancer.

Kamdem surveys breast cancer patients and survivors across the country and researches how women react to medications they have been prescribed. Kamdem has established a precision medicine program that relates home remedies and other drugs with prescribed medicines, and then relates the effects they have on patients.

Precision Medicine is a technique that uses all of the evidence and knowledge from research to benefit one person at a time. Kamdem then uses the results from the individual patients and compares the data to a group as a whole. The study incorporates genetic information from each patient to gain a holistic understanding of cancer treatment. The goal of the study is to find ways to reduce health care costs, maximize treatment efficacy and improve health outcomes.

The team analyzes different factors that change the way treatments affect individuals. The survey helps to narrow down what each of the causes are.

"The information and results of the study will be shared

with journals that specialize in breast cancer research findings," Kamdem said. "Before the information is published, the research is reviewed by other scientists, medical doctors and the University of Arkansas for Medical Science Cancer Center that criticizes and further tests the work."

Finding participants for the research study has proven to be a difficult task. Kamdem and his team encourage women to come forward and speak out about their experience with breast cancer.

"We have not completely solved breast cancer. We encourage women to come and speak out," Kamdem said. "We want to encourage the community to come together and share their stories about how they defeated or had witnessed defeat through breast cancer. Those stories will be shared with the world and will help other women out there better understand what is going on with their own experiences."

Kamdem is accompanied in his research by pharmacy students Nimmy Isaac and Bryana Gregory.

"We are trying to see what the main problems are with the certain drugs the patients are taking," Isaac, a first-year breast cancer researcher, said. "If we can educate these women and be more aware of what is hurting or harming them, we can rule out those elements in the long run."

Isaac is a first time research student who is eager to learn from Kamdem. She said this project is a good starting point to learn the basics and the effort put into the studies.

Gregory is a fourth year pharmacy student. Gregory said she sees the needs of the breast cancer patients and wants to tend to each patient with effective and appropriate treatments.

"I have primarily been responsible for identifying whether statistical significance exists between patients'



Courtesy of BRYANA GREGORY

Bryana Gregory, pharmacy student, assists Dr. Landry Kamdem in the only breast cancer research project active in White County.

genetic variations and the extent to which they metabolize," Gregory said.

The team's research seeks to improve health care costs, maximize treatment efficacy and reduce unwanted side effects. Kamdem's team will continue to research women across the country and contribute to breast cancer research.

BEYOND THE BUBBLE

NEWS FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



State | Casting of 'God's Not Dead 3'

A cast for "God's Not Dead 3" was finalized this month and began filming in Arkansas, according to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. The "God's Not Dead" franchise is a faith-based series of films dealing with modern-day skepticism of Christianity.

National | Refugee Ban Lifted

On Oct. 24, the White House released a statement updating President Trump's refugee policy. According to the press release, the United States will reopen the door to allow refugee into the country, under newer and more extreme vetting processes.



International | Nicaragua Joins Paris Climate Accord

The New York Times reported that Nicaragua is the latest nation to join the Paris Climate Deal, leaving the United States and Syria as the only entities in the United Nations to abstain. President of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega made the announcement Friday.



OPINIONS

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savanna distefano



keep it savvy

A glimpse into her life

Mrs. Cook was her name. She was my creative writing teacher in 12th grade. I remember walking into her classroom on the first day of school. She had a scarf wrapped up on her head — I did not think anything of it.

She began the class by informing us of her recent diagnosis with stage 3 breast cancer. She explained her days away when she would have to undergo chemotherapy and her weakened state afterward. She made light of the subject, cracking jokes and diverting from the subject as quickly as she raised it.

I was working for my high school's newspaper at the time and had the honor of writing a feature story on Mrs. Cook, telling her story for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I did not know her well, or any of her colleagues with whom I met to discuss the story, but each person I talked to was open, and their genuineness and vulnerability changed and enhanced my view of journalism.

I remember Mrs. Cook wiping away tears in my interview with her. No person whom I'd interviewed had ever gotten emotional before. She was talking about her children and how she would communicate the implications of her disease with them.

Her colleagues were brought to tears, too. One, Mrs. Scopas, told me the story of her family's relationship with Mrs. Cook's family. Her two daughters loved Mrs. Cook, and they wanted to help in any way they could. One day, Scopas walked into her home to find her two girls and several friends, all ages 10-12, baking cookies to sell around the neighborhood.

The girls loaded their baked goods into their small red wagon and toted it around their neighborhood, telling the story of their friend, Mrs. Cook. They donated the proceeds to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in her honor.

I also interviewed a school administrator, Ms. Thompson. Thompson had been close friends with Mrs. Cook for years, and she came across as a strong woman. I have only known her to smile, joke around or lay down the law. I was taken aback when she began to reach for the Kleenex in her interview, too.

This time spent interviewing and writing about Mrs. Cook showed me a gentle and important side of journalism. I learned that I loved having the opportunity to discuss life with other people, whether it is talking about an event, social and political issues, or someone's deepest struggles and greatest joys.

I remember the day the paper came out. It was the day I first considered becoming a journalist. I was sad that my time interviewing and writing that story was over, and I remember feeling excited to see it in print. Perhaps what I remember most prominently was that at least several faculty members actually read the newspaper that day.

Best of all, Mrs. Cook said she brought the paper home for her family to read. As a writer, there is nothing more edifying than people reading and appreciating your work.

I have not talked to Mrs. Cook or the other faculty members since coming to college. I never did know her well, other than the glimpse into her life she shared with me during the interview period, but I know she is a strong woman whom I admire — a woman who most certainly touched more lives than she knows.

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Time is flying by

sasha regida



guest writer

We always complain about our lack of time. We have only 24 hours per day, seven days per week, four weeks per month and 12 months to make everything happen. However, we also have a whole 24 hours, a whole week, a whole winter, spring, summer and fall to get all our stuff done. We even have 52 Mondays to start losing weight, to join the gym, to stop smoking or to break up with a toxic girlfriend or boyfriend.

I would say it is all about time management, but it is really not. It is all about your perception of time. Sometimes it seems that time is flying by — yesterday, you were 12 as you sat in your checkered flannel pajamas in the middle of messy room, surrounded by Christmas decorations, and

carefully examined a new ornament for the Christmas tree. The room was filled with the smell of a hot apple pie, and mom's tender voice called you for dinner. You probably had Kevin McCallister running away from the burglars on the TV screen as well. Now you are 22, sitting in a fancy black suit in your office, surrounded by empty coffee cups, paper, folders and notes, trying to figure out which topic will be the best for tomorrow's interview. Wait, but Christmas 2007 was yesterday, right?

I believe that there is no strict measurement for time. Yes, we have seconds, minutes, hours, days and years. But why does it sometimes feel like it has been 2 hours, when it has been only 10 minutes? Why do some people not feel their age? Even though "numbers don't lie," as The Mynabirds sang, numbers do not always matter.

It matters what kind of relationship you have with your time. It matters how you treat your time. If you respect it, take advantage of it and use your time for good, you will fill your life with the best products of time — different events and emotions.

It's important to be thankful for every

moment of life. Although it might be tricky, it can be a good lesson for your future. Think positively even when it seems to be impossible. Be the owner of your life, and use your time beneficially.

There is a saying that time flies when you're having fun. I believe that even if you are having a great time, you may soon forget that moment if you don't take the time to be thankful for it. It will fly by just the way seconds fly, if you don't turn this moment into memories, pleasant nostalgia, or life lessons.

Open your eyes widely in front of the time. Do not be afraid of your time. Realize that there are more interesting things going on than you think. Pay attention, treat every moment carefully and be thankful. Fill your life with time's gifts — emotions, memories and lessons.

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Just the Clax

Mutiny on the bounty

It's well known that the eccentric playwright Oscar Wilde had a pet lobster. While he was a student at Oxford in the 1870s, the Irishman used to tie a string to his invertebrate friend and take him for walks around campus. Granted, these were not brisk walks. Unless the lobsters that existed over a century ago had considerably more pep than the ones I see inching around the tank at Joe's Crab Shack, then Wilde and his pet went neither fast nor far.

No doubt people stared. On particularly warm afternoons, some might have even stood by patiently, lemon slices in hand. But then again, the man who once said that "the only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about" would hardly mind the attention.

Wilde would surely have been amused by a recent news report about some animal activists trying to save lobsters from the dinner table. Several witty journalists have already feasted on the story and stolen most of the good lobster-related puns. Which I think is very shellfish of them. Nevertheless, I'll still take a crack at the tale.

Having triumphed over such enemies as the Ringling Brothers Circus and Sea World, the animal rights folks are now taking up the cause of protecting crustaceans. It seems that earlier this fall, two British protestors went to the famous resort town of Brighton, rescued hundreds of lobsters and crabs that were headed to



michael claxton

market and released them into the ocean.

They argue that even though lobsters aren't cute and thus don't evoke the normal sympathy from animal-lovers, they still feel pain. As evidence, they cite recent studies where scientists at Queen's University Belfast delivered electric shocks to crabs and then watched as the animals touched the shocked area with their claws for several minutes. This is interesting proof, though I am told that the best way to soothe a mild shock is by rubbing butter on the affected spot.

Polls show that popular opinion is clearly against this band of marine Robin Hoods, who dumped many a potential Admiral's Feast into the water. But no doubt the activists take comfort in Wilde's oft-quoted maxim: "to disagree with three-fourths of the British public is one of the first requisites of sanity."

The police, however, were not amused. As it turns out, the creatures so heroically released into the ocean were American lobsters, which are considered an invasive species in British waters. Of course, the Brits feel the same about American tourists generally, often labeling the unwanted

yanks as "overpaid, oversexed and over here." Anyway, within minutes, the fresh marine arrivals were talking loudly, taking selfies and demanding ice in their soft drinks. Not to mention breeding with the locals.

British officials sprang into action to deal with the threat to their aquatic ecosystem. A court fined the protestors the equivalent of \$19,000. Why the exorbitant fee when lobster generally goes for \$10.99 per pound? It seems the money was needed to pay the bounty hunters.

Oh, yes. According to The Weekly Standard, "Of the 361 lobsters released, 40 are still at large."

That means that someone was paid to dive into the ocean, check for green cards and round up over 300 out-of-town shellfish. In other words, the government actually called in Boba Fett to recapture the invasive species. I wonder if any crabs were frozen in carbonite.

Every day I live on this planet, Star Wars seems less and less like science fiction. This world makes no sense to me. But then again, as Oscar Wilde would say, "I am not young enough to know everything."

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At the Bison, it is our goal to serve the Harding University student body with integrity, truth and open ears. However, we believe that meeting that goal is a two-way street between our staff and the public it serves. We pledge to keep our eyes and ears open to what our community has to say and hope that, in return, that community will be an interactive audience, sharing its stories with us. We also pledge to do the basics: Report accurate and relevant information, check our facts, and share them in a professional, timely manner. If you have any story ideas, questions, comments or concerns for the Bison staff, please email Savanna DiStefano, the editor-in-chief, at sdistefano@harding.edu. "The Bison" (USPS 577-660) is published weekly (except vacations, exams and summer sessions), 20 issues per year, by Harding University. Periodicals postage paid at Searcy, Arkansas 72143. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Bison, Harding University 11192, SEARCY, AR 72149-0001. BYLINE POLICY: The Bison provides an opportunity for class writers to contribute work under the byline "guest writers." Due to this arrangement, staff writers may rewrite a portion of the guest writers' stories as they deem necessary, while still identifying the work as the guest writers' own.

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The Grand Slam

A sense of camaraderie

If you've been to the first week of chapel at Harding, you've heard the famous talk from Dr. McLarty and Dr. Burks over camaraderie. If you haven't had that honor, camaraderie can be defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together."

Sports teams are arguably the best place to find camaraderie. Between long rides to away games, 3 hour practices and early morning practices, athletes end up spending a significant portion of their free time with their fellow teammates.

Having such a strong sense of loyalty to your team means you make sacrifices for them that you might not make for anyone else.

One instance when camaraderie is at its highest is when going up against a rival school. I remember last year when Harding tennis played Delta State University. Delta State is not in our conference, but they always pose good competition in tennis.

It was a doubles match and a Delta State player thought a Harding player had made a bad line call. The Delta State players then proceeded to argue with our players until one jumped over the net and almost punched the other Harding player.

Coaches had to intervene, and Harding ended up winning the match.

Tennis is especially challenging in the fact that we often don't have referees or line judges to make calls for us. There are often disputes and arguments. We also have to keep track of the score without any help.

Sure, you can't have true camaraderie with other teams, but we can be civil and respect them even when things get challenging or heated. It is definitely more challenging in individual sports such as tennis or golf where you're used to operating on your own.

The atmosphere changes quickly when you have to play a rival like Arkansas Tech. It's difficult to show respect or kindness to someone who doesn't reciprocate it, but as Christians, that's what we are called to do.

In the heat of the moment it's easy to say things you don't mean, and it's even easier to make a questionable call. In my time at Harding, I'm proud to say that rarely happens. I've seen our athletes often be the bigger people.

Two teams at Harding have really stuck out to me as having the strongest embodiment of camaraderie: softball and women's basketball. They make an effort to do things outside of practice together. They often choose to live together and really embody being a second family.

The closeness of both teams also shows in their play and past seasons' results. Softball made it to regionals last year and women's basketball made it to the Final Four, the first time in school history.

Next time you hear the word camaraderie, think of Harding sports. Not only is it a big part of Harding, but camaraderie is a significant aspect of our athletics.

Cross country wins GAC, first time since 2013



Photo courtesy of SCOTT GOODE

Back row: Micah Langat. **Middle row:** Gus McCoy, Camden Barrett, Bartosz Kwiecinski, Larry Lopez, Logan Thomas, Buddy Davis, Keneth Chelelgo, Josiah Baker, Lucas Goodspeed, Lawson Belcher, and Benjamin Cain. **Front row:** Jordan Turney. Senior Lucas Goodspeed finished third overall as the top Harding runner for the third straight year in the Great American Conference championship. The Harding men's cross country team won the GAC Championship Saturday, Oct. 20, and the women's team finished third.

KENDALL CARWILE
class writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Great American Conference (GAC) championship in Magnolia, Arkansas, on Saturday, Oct. 21. The men's team placed first out of six, and the women's team placed third out of 12. The successful outcome of the GAC championship has created a positive atmosphere surrounding the cross country teams as they enter the NCAA regional championship.

"It hasn't changed our strategy but it gives us confidence as a team," senior Lucas Goodspeed said. "Everyone is in great spirits and that's sure to help us in the regional race."

Goodspeed, an accounting major, is one of the team's leaders, placing third at the conference championship, claiming the title of Harding's top finisher in the GAC for the third time in his career and receiving his third All-GAC honor.

According to Goodspeed, having success comes with added stresses to stay successful.

"It adds some pressure, because you're setting the tone for the rest of the guys, but you just have to focus on yourself and the race you're running," Goodspeed said. "If everyone takes care of their job then we will be in good shape as a team."

The men's team ended its three-year run as the conference runner up. This conference win gives Harding a total of 30 GAC championships in program history.

The women were also successful in their race the same day. With their success also comes pressure for the NCAA regional championship according to senior Melita Sutherland.

"This weekend has showed us what we can do and how we need runners to step out of their comfort zones," Sutherland said. "Since regionals is a 6K and we normally run 5K races, we need to mentally prepare for a tougher course and

tougher competition."

The NCAA regional championship is on Saturday, Nov. 4 in Kearney, Nebraska. Both teams are preparing very seriously but also very strategically.

"These next two weeks are crucial for regionals," Sutherland said. "This week we are building up some mileage and doing some tough workouts and next week we will taper, which means not running as far and giving our muscles a chance to recover."

The men's and women's cross country teams have had great seasons and have both consistently increases in skill and ability as the season has gone on.

"As a team we have been getting healthier each week, and the guys are getting more confident in the way they race and train," Goodspeed said. "We trust our ability and believe that we can handle whatever our opponents throw at us when the race comes."

Senior spotlight: Stevens' family legacy

EMILY FAULKNER
sports editor

She once thought she would never be good enough to play in college. Four years later, Carley Stevens is a senior forward on the women's soccer team.

Growing up, both her brothers played soccer before her. So, Stevens also picked up the game and has continued playing for 17 years. Stevens has a family history rooted in Harding, with both of her brothers playing soccer as well.

"My junior year of high school I came up for soccer camp at Harding," Stevens said. "My brother was playing at the time so I came up to watch one of his games, but then the coach said I should come to the camp."

Stevens said she had always planned to come to Harding, even before soccer came into the picture.

"My first practice back after injuring my knee (in high school) was at camp and that's when coach (Greg) Harris told me I should come to Harding to play," Stevens said. "I never thought I was good enough to play, so I just never considered it."

Stevens was a part of two conference championship teams in 2015 and 2016, and won multiple individual awards including Academic All-GAC in 2015-2016, All-GAC (second team) in 2015-2016, and All-GAC Tournament team in 2016.

Besides being a leader

on the field, Stevens is also a leader on the sidelines, according to senior forward Morgan Springborn.

"When someone sees something as negative, she takes it and makes it positive, so everyone is accommodated for," Springborn said. "You can always count on her to be there for you."

Springborn plays the same position as Stevens, so they often have to work together out on the field.

"Me and Carley have always been there together," Springborn said. "It works to our favor. It's a good thing we're in the same position and have a good bond on the field. Any time I'm with her, it's fun."

This year the team has experienced many injuries, so those who have remained healthy have had to step up. Coach Greg Harris says this is just what Stevens has done.

"We've been hurt with injuries this year, and she's been able to be a constant this season, being able to be moved around a lot too," Harris said. "She is very versatile and gives us what we need, and she's done so without hesitation."

In addition to being a key player on the field and sideline to her teammates, Stevens also helps them with schoolwork outside of practice.

"In times past, she has been a two-time All-Conference player and is an academic leader off the field," Harris said. "Her contribution is her

ability to get things done, even in season. Off the field, there's a confidence in her. With academics, it just comes to Carley naturally, and she's willing to give help."

Being a significant team player on and off the field, Harding women's soccer would look different today if Stevens had not chosen to play. Harris said he's glad she gained the confidence to do it.

"When someone sees something as negative, she takes it and makes it positive so everyone is accommodated for. You can always count on her to be there for you."

-Morgan Springborn senior forward

"I don't know how much confidence she had in herself when she first got here," Harris said. "Her transformation between high school and the things she's accomplished here has been remarkable. Not only her ability to be here, but to be good. She's been a major part of the team, and we couldn't have won those conference titles without her."

Stevens plans on graduating in May with an accounting major followed by an internship in the summer. After that, her plans include coming back to Harding to be a graduate assistant for the soccer team.



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Senior forward Carley Stevens has 49 career starts, played in 59 games, scored 13 goals and assisted 10 goals, for 36 points. Stevens is tied for 3rd in Harding history in game-winning goals (6).

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My favorite moments

There are many moments in sports history that will be remembered forever, and the anticipation that something crazy and mind-blowing will happen is one of the many reasons why we love sports. Whether it's the historic comeback by the Patriots in last year's Super Bowl or Steve Bartman ruining the Cubs' hopes at a National League pennant in 2003, we all have those sports memories that we will never forget. Here are five moments in sports that I will never forget.

5. UNC vs. Villanova (2016) — This is one of the more recent memories that comes to mind. I remember sitting in a room in the business building with some friends watching this game on the projector. We all went nuts when Marcus Paige made that acrobatic shot with only a couple seconds remaining, but our jaws were on the floor when Kris Jenkins sunk a shot at the buzzer to win.

4. Johnny Football vs. Duke (2013) — I had the opportunity to go to the 2013 Chik-Fil-A Bowl in Atlanta, and it was an incredible experience. It was Johnny Manziel's last game in a Texas A&M uniform, and he put on a show. The way he brought his Aggies back from a 21-point halftime deficit was so exciting. This was easily the best football game I have ever attended.

3. The Putt (2009) — I'm a huge Tiger Woods fan. Probably my favorite memory was watching the 2009 U.S. Open when Tiger won his latest Major. The putt he sunk on the 18th green to force a playoff against Rocco Mediate sent chills down my spine as I sat glued to the TV in my living room. There's nothing like Tiger making a clutch shot and seeing him do the famous Tiger fist pump. I can only hope to see him win one more Major title before he retires.

2. Kick-Six (2013) — Anybody that knows me knows that Alabama football is my least favorite thing on the planet, which is why this moment is so high on my list. I can vividly remember being in my grandparents' living room with the largest smile on my face as Chris Davis broke the hearts of every Alabama fan in the country, eliminating them from national championship contention. It was a beautiful sight to behold.

1. Game Six (2011) — I'm not sure you can convince me that there has been a better baseball game that has ever been played. When David Freese tied the game with a triple in the ninth inning and hit the game-winning bomb in the 11th to send the series to a Game 7 en route to the Cardinals' 11th World Series title, I almost shed a tear. As a lifelong Cardinals fan, there is no question that this is the biggest and most satisfying sports memory I have.



Courtesy of DUSTIN HOWELL

Junior Brooklyn Terry ties for first individually by shooting 5-over 149. The Lady Bisons placed first at the Lady Panther Fall Tournament on Oct. 15-16. They shot 313 in Round 2, their second best score of the season and 633 overall. It was the first team title since the 2013 Great American Conference Championsip.

Women's golf wins tournament

Lady Bisons place first in Lady Panther Fall Invitational

EMILY HOOK
student writer

The women's golf team finished first out of nine participating teams on Oct. 15 and 16 at the Lady Panther Fall Tournament in Bolivar, Missouri. Coach Dustin Howell has enjoyed the success. "There is no doubt that winning has been the best part of the season," Howell said. "I'm extremely pleased with the fall progress we have had. It's been a great October."

When looking back at the season as a whole, senior Katelyn Walker said that she has seen a lot of growth and improvement within the team.

"Overall, we have a better mindset and mental game as a whole," Walker said. "I think that getting these first and second finishes has given us a much-needed drive to work harder and has given us an even stronger desire to obtain top finishes in the upcoming tournaments."

Junior Brooklyn Terry (ranked No. 40) and freshman Kiera Smith (ranked No. 55) have found success in their first season as Bisons, and the return of sophomore Bryle Alcorn (ranked No. 40) from injury has been huge for Howell's team.

"These three ladies have each led the Lady Bisons individually in tournament this season, with marked improvement along the way in team finishes of 12th, ninth, second and first," Howell said.

Alcorn attributes a lot of her individual success to her team's support and Howell's continuous encouragement.

"The team is my biggest support system," Alcorn said. "They are constantly encouraging me to strengthen myself by showing me how far I have come from this time last year."

Walker is also very proud of her team. Her pride comes from watching the improvement she has seen this season and from seeing the evolution of the team over the last four years she has

played for the Lady Bisons.

"Our team has been blessed to have new players each season that have really stepped up and been committed to the program, as well as constant improvement and dedication by returning players," Walker said. "In the time that I have been here, I think that our team has evolved into a more goal-oriented and hardworking group of girls."

"I think that getting these first and second finishes has given us a much-needed drive to work harder and has given us an even stronger desire to obtain top finishes in the upcoming tournaments."

-Katelyn Walker
senior golfer

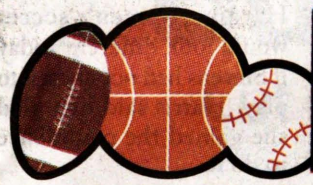
When thinking back to the most memorable moment of the season, Walker said watching the team claim victory last week in the Lady Panther invitational tournament was definitely the highlight.

"Golf is just as much as a team sport as it is an individual sport," Walker said. "It was awesome getting to see our girls encourage and rejoice with each other after reaching this goal as a team."

According to the Central Region Rankings, the Lady Bisons are currently ranked No. 13, with their goal being to reach the top 12 to advance to the Regional Tournament in May 2018.

"I have a great sense of pride in seeing our hard work paying off," Howell said. "The season is far from over, and we have not yet reached our full potential. That's the most exciting part."

The Lady Bisons wrapped up their fall season with the Lady Reddies Fall Tournament in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on Oct. 23 and 24. They will pick up spring play on April 2 and 3 at the Lady Argonaut Tournament in Pensacola, Florida.

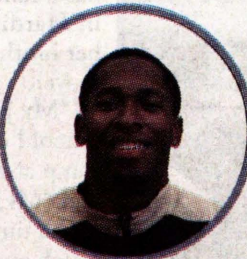


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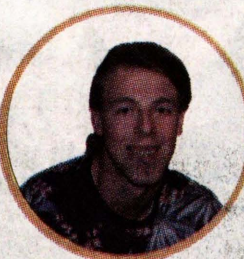
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Emma Reeves
volleyball



Reggie Anthony
men's basketball



Edward Axlund
golf



Sydney Layrock
women's basketball



Sam Blankenship
football

What is your favorite
Halloween candy?

Reese's.

Candy Corn and
peanuts.

Reese's.

Candy Corn.

Peanut Butter
M&Ms.

When was the last time you
were scared and why?

When my mom
texted me last
week saying "we
need to talk."

My roommate
scared me when
I walked inside
earlier.

I'm pretty scared
that I hit my
driver right now.

When coach
Kirby said "go"
for the mile test.

My last finance
test; I think it is
self-explanatory.

What scary movie has the
scariest soundtrack?

"Monsters, Inc."

No idea, so I will
just go with "The
Conjuring."

Movie
soundtracks are
not my strong
suit.

"Insidious."

"The Conjuring."

If you could be one super
villain, who would it be?

Gru from
"Despicable Me."

Mojo Jojo.

The Joker but the
one played by
Heath Ledger.

The Joker.

Lord Voldemort.

Millennial Mindset

The second installment of the Generation of Change series about young adults

BISON STAFF

Senior Zachary Snedker grew up an agnostic within a family that was mostly atheist, and was unable to find a church home during his first three years at Harding. He described most of his trouble finding a church as coming from his frustration with the inconsistency he saw between what Christians said, believed and did.

"I felt very alienated, like I wasn't accepted in the churches of Christ," Snedker said. "I was never able to find a place where I felt at home ... I grew incredibly tired of the racism and sexism I saw in so many churches, as well as the bigotry toward the LGBT community outside of the church community."

In a 2017 article by Fox News, they reported that roughly three-quarters of millennials — even those raised in homes that were to some degree "Christian" — leave that faith after high school. More than 60 percent of millennials who have done just that say that Christianity is "judgmental," and 64 percent say that the term "anti-gay" best describes most churches today. The problem is not that there are not enough churches pulling millennials in, but rather that there is a disconnect between those churches and the millennial generation.

"College students learn more inductively. They say 'tell me more stories, tell me how this applies to my life'; whereas most of our preaching says something like 'Here's what the Bible says, here's how it applies.'"

-Todd Gentry
campus minister

"You see Jesus hanging out with tax collectors and prostitutes — the absolute worst people of his time," Snedker said. "But for some reason, even though we're told to accept everybody where they are and to help them grow in the church, many of the churches that I'd seen would rather push those people away."

According to a survey conducted by The Bison, the top three characteristics students seek in a church are a sense of community, an emphasis on Biblical teaching and a

loving environment.

Tim Archer, author and preacher at the University Church in Abilene, Texas, gave a presentation at Harding's 2017 Lectureship. He said millennials have a hard time relating to churches today because of the difference in expectations between generations.

"I don't think (millennials) come at the Bible and the world in the same way that their parents did," Archer said. "I think that a lot of millennials have problems with more traditional logic — they want the Bible to make sense in reference to their experiences ... It's not just about your doctrinal view of justification, it's about what you're doing for your neighbor."

Archer said that millennials want to see a church that is willing to listen, is accepting of all people and excited to act on the things they profess.

"I think a lot of them want to be a part of a church that is actually helping people and doing things," Archer said. "If they don't find that in a church, they'll find it somewhere else ... They want to see real people who don't just talk about being Christians but live as Christians ... who worship with their lives."

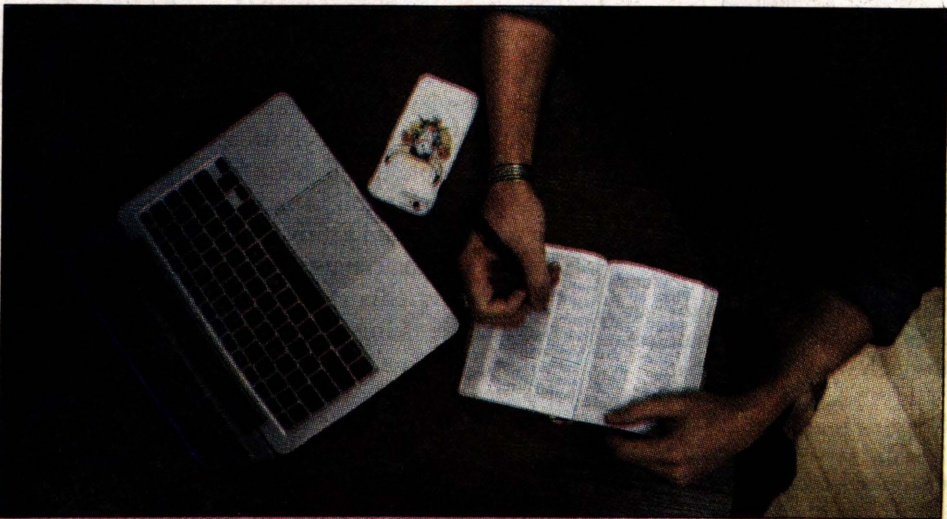
Snedker expressed a similar desire to see churches that take what they say seriously, and set an example of authenticity for younger people to follow.

"I think a lot of people have felt the same pressures and seen the same injustices I have," Snedker said. "They're trying to find a place that does the same things in practice that we see in the Bible as opposed to what's seen in the churches here."

According to the Pew Research Center, most millennials have the same beliefs about life after death, the existence of heaven, hell and miracles as older generations today — yet there is still difficulty bridging the gap between generations in the church.

"They're very eclectic," said Todd Gentry, campus minister at College Church of Christ. "How their (varied beliefs) fit sometimes is very different for my generation to understand."

Gentry has worked primarily with millennials in his years as campus minister, and he said that the problem often is not that millennials do not want to be a part of organized religion, but that they do not see a place where they fit into organized religion. He also discussed how those in a majority of church leadership positions



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Students use new technology and traditional means to build their faith. According to College age minister at College Church of Christ Todd Gentry, millennials do not approach their faith in the same way as the previous generations have.

tend to apply of their beliefs in a completely different way.

"We do what the leadership likes," Gentry said. "We don't always reach down and ask, 'What do you want?' ... College students learn more inductively. They say 'tell me more stories, tell me how this applies to my life' whereas most of our preaching says something like 'here's what the Bible says, here's how it applies.'"

Gentry also thinks millennials have trouble connecting with churches because they do not know how to bridge the gap themselves, and are often unwilling to figure out how before they leave the church.

"This generation will only be a part of stuff if they know why they're doing it," Gentry said. "They want things to be explained to them, why things are important — 'why does this have to happen?'"

According to the Pew Research Center, millennials are less likely to be affiliated with the religion of their parents and grandparents because the mindset and practices of the generation before them seem to be disconnected from their own.

"I see people wanting to belong, but they don't always know where to start," said Abby Dingus, recent Harding alumna and college minister at Fellowship Bible Church. "I hear words like, 'I don't feel like I belong because I don't know anyone, and I don't feel connected. I know other college students and I feel good when I go and sit with them; but I don't feel like I belong

because I don't know families."

This idea inspired Dingus to focus on connecting college students with families in the church with the hope of cultivating relationships that are otherwise difficult to facilitate.

"People want to be known and to know others," Dingus said. "I'm wanting students at Fellowship to know that they are valued, that we want to know them and that we want them in turn to know the body. I'm seeing that whenever we offer that and people step into it, it's been really beautiful."

Archer also said he recognized the need for students to be included in a group of people pursuing a genuine lifestyle of faith.

"The outsiders come and feel like outsiders instead of feeling welcomed," Archer said. "They're not finding authenticity — they're finding people who talk about Jesus, but they don't feel like that goes beyond the doors of the church ... I think that many (millennials) see a church that seems more focused on what happens Sunday morning and is somewhat unresponsive to the community around them. I think they want to see a church that is accepting of all people, willing to listen to all people and willing to find a middle ground with all people. I think that's some of what we have to learn."

This is the second installment of the "Generation of Change" series. The third will appear in the next edition of The Bison, on stands Nov. 3.

Student climbs to top, becomes 'king' of Crag

DAILEY THOMAS
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On Oct. 14, junior Madeline Strother became king — King of the Crag that is. Strother competed in the King of the Crag rock climbing competition in Batesville, Arkansas, and won first place in the women's advanced division. The weekend before, Strother placed first in the women's division at the Ozark Climbing Gym in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Strother has been competing in rock climbing since her senior year of high school and has continued since. Strother works at a climbing gym back home, and trains and volunteers at the Zion Climbing Center in Searcy. Strother said she loves seeing herself progress in the sport and the community that she

is surrounded by when climbing.

"When you start out you just progress really easily," Strother said. "It's really hard at the beginning but as you continue you can see yourself getting better each time you come back to the gym."

Strother said that she trains three times per week and tries to climb outdoors on the weekends. Mack Peters also trains and volunteers at Zion Climbing Center, and expressed that Strother has a great attitude and technique when they climb together.

"Madeline has a good base of flexibility and overall strength, but I really think it's her attitude toward climbing," Peters said. "She is always excited to climb and always wants to go out and try hard on something. She's very thoughtful about her climbing as

well, seeking out methods to get stronger but also evaluating her previous performance."

Abby Tran, Harding alumna and Strother's rock climbing partner, said their relationship has grown through rock climbing.

"I love that in rock climbing there is this huge community within it. That's how I met Madeline," Tran said. "She and I have completely different friend groups, interests and backgrounds, but because of our love for climbing and the outdoors, we have really bonded."

Strother is continually working on improving her skills in rock climbing and hopes to win more competitions with the encouragement of the rock climbing community, friends and family.

"What makes Madeline such a great climber is her love for the



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Junior Madeline Strother practices climbing on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Riverside Park. Strother won the King of the Crag rock climbing competition on Saturday, Oct. 14.

sport and her unwavering attitude when she climbs," Tran said. "I've

watched her set goals for herself and then push herself to achieve them."

Survivors, continued from 1A



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Junior Hannah Mosher holds a picture of herself in 2012 following thyroid surgery. The American Cancer Society estimates 56,870 new cases of thyroid cancer will be found in the U.S. in 2017.

Mosher feared being put under anesthesia and never waking up from the surgery, but she said the worst part of treatment was the low-iodine diet she was required to eat for her radiation. During the summer, Mosher learned two small cancerous nodes remain in her lungs, but is thankful that they do not warrant medical treatment.

"Honestly, I was grateful that I kind of got this form of cancer over another form just because it's much more treatable compared to something like leukemia or a variety of other cancers out here," Mosher said. "I kind of consider myself fortunate, and I don't really think about it that much. It's just kind of something that happened in my body. I don't feel sorry for myself or anything."

A double cancer survivor, Mosely was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma at age 10, which reoccurred at 13. He said the second diagnosis was more disheartening than nerve-wracking because he was aware of the difficult road ahead.

"(At 13), I understood a lot more

than I did the first time, so I was more prepared, but I was not as scared because I knew it was going to happen," Mosely said.

Mosely said he was first diagnosed with stage 2A cancer on Valentines Day in 2008. He entered remission after six cycles of chemotherapy and radiation. In 2010, he discovered the cancer had returned at the more severe 4B stage.

"More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year, and there are approximately 375 thousand adult survivors of childhood cancers in the U.S."

-CureSearch for Children's Cancer

"I just knew I had to get through it because if I don't fight, I die, so you only have that (fighting) mindset when you go in," Mosely said. "Fighting for your life is something extremely hard to describe because we don't know

anything besides our life. Death is basically irrelevant to us right now."

Mosely had to stay in in-patient care for 22 days. His fondest memories are of befriending other child patients and friends visiting him.

"Personally, my point of view as a cancer survivor, even when you're going through treatment: you don't want to be treated differently," Mosely said. "We don't want people bending over backwards for us to do something. We want to do stuff on our own and feel good about ourselves."

Mosher and Allen have both chosen majors with hopes to help others who are diagnosed with cancer. Mosher, a biology major, plans to become a physician's assistant; and Allen, a child life major, wants to work in the field of pediatric oncology.

"I want to bring joy and hope to kids who are in a similar situation, or even in a worse situation, and just let them know there is hope," Allen said. "You can survive (and) there is a possibility to survive. Even if they say you only have so long to live, I want to help them make the best they can out of what they have left."



New for gamers

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With the plethora of available gaming options, there are few available mediums that provide cross-platform communication for gamers. A Harding Discord server is now available for download on PC, Mac and mobile devices. Discord allows members to create or join groups and communicate through voice or text chat.

Freshman Charles "Eddie" Gyger created the Harding Discord server when he saw the need for a connection between gamers on campus.

"When I came to Harding, I was kind of surprised that something like this didn't already exist," Gyger said. "Whenever I looked into different organizations on campus, nothing that I saw really catered to that, so I decided to start a server for Harding."

Gyger's server gained about 100 members three weeks after its creation. He has been advertising the server to get more people to join and connect through voice or text channels based on common games.

"I think the short term goal is just to connect people and to kind of start getting a community going, and to make an opportunity for people who don't really interact much on campus to interact," Gyger said. "Long term, I'd like to get it well-known enough that when the new freshman class comes in, they know that that's an opportunity."

Senior Ean Myers created a server for men's social club Knights after discovering Discord.

"You can use it while doing anything on your computer, so a lot of guys just get on there, and they'll all be doing homework and want to talk about what they're doing," Myers said. "We do use it to play games as well, so it's a multifaceted thing that we use where people get on there to help each other with homework, catch up, or it's a good way to make plans too."

Myers described Discord as a form of social media that allows people to meet through the servers on voice channels or chats.

"Using it has been an interesting way to meet people I didn't even know on campus," Myers said. "The way to communicate is a lot more streamlined, I would say, because you don't have to wait for someone to respond or call them."

The application can be downloaded at discordapp.com, and the Harding server is found at discord.gg/TSY3Pdh.

HUE students feature Lives of London

KAYLA MEELER
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Two students who are studying abroad in London have created an Instagram account this semester showcasing the lives of people throughout the city.

Sophomore public relations majors Hannah Wise and Emily Nicks started the Instagram account as a project for their multimedia storytelling class. The class is being taught by Dr. Jim Miller, associate professor and chair of the Department of Communication, who is also overseas at the Harding University England (HUE) program. According to Nicks, their assignment for the class was to create an Instagram account that was focused on some aspect of life in London. She said that some people chose to do food or sports, but she wanted to focus more on the stories of people living in the city. The account was inspired by the popular photo blog, Humans of New York.

"When we take time to understand someone's story, we take a step toward making the world a better place."

-Dr. Jim Miller
Department of Communication chair

"I love what Emily and Hannah are doing with the Lives of London account," Miller said. "When we take time to understand someone's story, we take a step toward making the world

a better place."

The account has featured 11 people so far, only two of whom are originally from England. Nicks said that even though they have to deliberately seek out interviews, everyone has been willing to talk.

"We still sometimes get a bit nervous when we ask someone to talk with us, waiting for a curt rejection, but that hasn't happened whatsoever," Nicks said. "Our eyes have been opened to the diversity of London."

The class has turned this project into a competition, as students have planned to compare likes and followers at the end of the semester, according to Nicks. She said this challenged her to step out of her comfort zone and has already given her great practice in her field of study.

Both Wise and Nicks are always trying to come up with ways to engage more followers such as giveaways. They also use their own personal Instagram accounts to promote the Lives of London account. They both think it is important to keep their followers engaged and interested in what is going on in the account.

"We've had postcard giveaways, live video drawings; we try to include as many demographics as we can, and created an Instagram community around us that supports each other's pages," Wise said. "What originated as a class assignment has turned into a passion and desire to learn people's stories."



Sophomores Hannah Wise and Emily Nicks have featured 11 people through the Lives of London Instagram account while abroad at HUE.

Boost in horror films in time for Halloween

ALLY PARRETT
student writer

With Oct. 31 approaching, our natural inclination is to turn on Freeform's 13 Days of Halloween and snack on the candy we may or may not have purchased for trick-or-treaters. But according to Forbes.com, Americans have been watching horror movies all year long. With these films bringing in 10.6 percent of the total box office income of the total so far, their contribution is the most it has been since 1999. What makes movies in 2017 different?

Travis McNeal, director of psychology, said scary movies usually seem unrealistic or far-fetched to him, although he sees why others like them. They

trigger an adrenaline rush through fear without a true threat of detriment, which McNeal said creates a safe distance for the viewer.

"In terms of enjoying that type of movie, I think that one of the reasons that the same reason people love roller coasters," McNeal said. "There's fear, which creates a huge adrenaline rush, but it's a fear context where you feel safe. 'It's sort of a paradoxical experience there. Fear response is activated but you don't really anticipate any real harm.'"

Junior Chris Radford said he has not always enjoyed horror movies, but has developed an appreciation through the influence of his friends. Like McNeal, Radford said he does not enjoy unrealistic scary movies.

With some of his favorites being "Split" and "Get Out," Radford has noticed the shift of implementing plot and current societal interests into these films.

"I think that something that's been more invested into recent scary movies is a plot. A lot of the time with old scary movies, there really wasn't one," Radford said. "'Split' is really cool because mental illness has become more of a well-known thing and people are interested in it."

Senior Darci Flatley, president of the Classic Film Club, has always loved horror movies. Growing up with an older brother to watch them with, she said she enjoys the experience they provide.

"There's something about the movie-going experience that's so

different with horror films," Flatley said. "You go in and you're tense, there's suspense, and you're scared. It's fun. You definitely become more a part of the movie in horror films than because they're other ones because they're specifically for you to get scared, so you're actively participating in the film."

Although Flatley has been a loyal horror movie fan from the beginning,

she said she really enjoys the current trend of integrating more than just gore, violence and spirits.

"I'm really liking the new wave of horror film," Flatley said. "They are more about social justice issues and how your mind works, and those are really, really cool. A lot of it has to do with more of these films that are terrifying because they're things that are real in society today."

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